




# the Dranesville Dispatch

VOLUME VI

Fall 2001  Dranesville District Supervisor Stuart Mendelsohn  
McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, Virginia 22101



Dear Neighbor:

I look forward each year to sharing important information with you about the many new projects and programs which are underway throughout our diverse and vibrant community. However, in view of the recent events, it puts many of our concerns in a different perspective. This newsletter will still cover our many accomplishments and challenges, but first I would like to express my condolences and those of the entire community to those who have lost loved ones or friends as a result of the recent heinous acts.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. We all feel the anger, hurt and loss caused by these senseless acts. At the same time, I urge everyone to pull together and not divide our community based upon ethnic, racial or religious differences. By working together, we have improved the quality of life for residents and businesses alike in the Dranesville District. Let's continue these efforts.

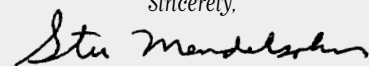
As a result of this summer's redistricting of the County's nine magisterial districts, Dranesville has welcomed back the Colvin Precinct in Vienna after a ten-year hiatus. I look forward to meeting and working with these communities on issues of concern.

Earlier this year President George W. Bush made a personal visit to our district and used the occasion to announce his \$1.6 million tax-cut proposal, praising its benefits to a gathering of McLean small business owners. In other business news, the revitalization of downtown McLean continues. The Staybridge Inn will open this Fall and rezoning for the Civic Place 'anchor' for Main Street is now complete. More landowners have undertaken facade improvements to their properties and land surveys are now complete for upcoming streetscape improvements along Chain Bridge Road. Several parks are being improved thanks to dedicated community volunteers and a new SACC Center opened at the Spring Hill RecCenter, the only facility of its kind in Fairfax County.

Last fall, the Great Falls community dedicated both a new playground at the Grange Park and its long-awaited community library. Plans were finalized with VDOT for a Traffic Calming project along Georgetown Pike and the Great Falls Trailblazers secured significant new grant funding to continue its project of constructing stonedust trails into the Village Center. Herndon saw the completion of Phase II of Harbor House, an independent living facility for seniors, and the Herndon Resource Center for teens. The Fairfax County Parkway opened from Route 7 to Elden Street/Baron Cameron and the segment from there to Spring Street is expected to open ahead of schedule later this year.


Preservation of open space for both active and passive enjoyment continues to be one of my highest priorities along with the continuation of rail to Tysons Corner and Dulles Airport. We have accomplished many things, but there is more to do and, by working together, we will continue to improve the Dranesville District. Please take the time to complete the enclosed survey keeping me updated on your priorities. I am honored to represent you and look forward to seeing many of you at my Town Meetings in October.

Sincerely,



## New Dranesville Website



A new website has been designed to accommodate your needs as a Dranesville citizen by providing you with up to date information about activities within the district. Included you will find a virtual tour of the district, the latest local news in our Online News Briefs, links to public hearing notices and summaries, current information about parks, trails, transportation, senior information, and volunteer opportunities, as well as a list of frequently requested phone numbers. Additionally, the site provides contacts for your local, state, and national elected officials. Whether looking for information or providing a suggestion about county matters, the Dranesville Home Page offers an easy and efficient way to obtain information or contact our office. Please take advantage of the resource, and log on to [www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/bos/dd/dd.htm](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/bos/dd/dd.htm) and let us know what you think. 

## Area Plan Review (APR)

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan is used as the guideline for all land-use issues in Fairfax County. As a guide, the Plan is consulted whenever a change to the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance is proposed. The Plan is reviewed every four years with significant input from citizens. This year, the northern half of the County, including the Dranesville District, will be reviewed while changes to the policy and transportation sections of the Plan will be considered later.

From May 14 through June 29, 2001, individuals and organizations had the opportunity to nominate specific parcels or broad areas for changes to the land-use section of the Comprehensive Plan. In Dranesville, there were nearly 40 nominations for changes to the Plan. All nominations will be reviewed by the Dranesville APR Task Force, a group appointed by me to include citizens from all areas of the Dranesville District. Andrew Kolaitis will serve as the Overall Chair of the Task Force. Ivan Somers will serve as the McLean/Fall Church/Vienna Area Chair, and members representing that area are Jan Auerbach, Jane Edmondson, George Lilly, Doug Potts, Adrienne Whyte, Jack Wilbern, and Peter Stavish. The Great Falls/Colvin Area Chair is Karen Washburn, and members from that area are David Hunt, Jack Mansfield, Deb Pietras, Jan Schar, John Ulfelder. Sheila Olem will serve as the Herndon Area Chair with members Penny Chaboudy and Jennifer DuPlessis from that area.

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## Transportation Updates

### Wiehle Avenue Underway

Construction began in late May of this year on the completion of Wiehle Avenue from the Fairfax County Parkway to Dranesville Road. Sanitary sewer and earthwork were started this summer. Bridge construction over Sugarland Run will begin in September and final paving should be underway by late summer of 2002. Please contact the Fairfax County Construction Management Division (CMD) at 703-324-5111 with any questions.



Stu attends Ribbon Cutting as Fairfax County Parkway opens in Herndon

### Fairfax County Parkway Moves Toward Completion

The Fairfax County Parkway project from Sugarland Road to Walnut Branch passed final inspection in July. VDOT has worked closely with the County and recently announced that the northern leg of the Parkway from Route 7 to Spring Street will open by November of this year, a full seven months early. Kudos to VDOT for completing this much needed project so efficiently. You can log onto the VDOT Construction site for up to date information at [www.vdot.state.va.us/constweb](http://www.vdot.state.va.us/constweb) or call (703) 383-2690.

### Leesburg Pike (Route 7) Widening

The Virginia Department of Transportation is currently developing preliminary plans for widening sections of Route 7 to six lanes plus turn lanes. Approximately \$10 million is available to complete the design, land acquisition and construction of the first 1.5-mile segment between Rolling Holly Drive and the Reston Parkway. An additional \$3 million has been appropriated to begin design on an additional 6.5-mile segment between the Reston Parkway and the Dulles Toll Road. You may have already seen surveyors along the corridor this past spring and early summer. VDOT has hired a consulting engineer to develop preliminary plans. A citizen information meeting will be held in late Fall, 2001 to solicit community comment on these plans. Construction on the first segment is tentatively set for 2004. For further information, please call VDOT, Fairfax Preliminary Engineering at (703) 383-2433. 🌿

### Area Plan Review ...continued from page 1

Beginning on September 10th, the Task Force will consider every nomination and will make recommendations to the County Planning Commission. Task Force meetings are open to the public and meeting dates may be found on our website. The Task Force recommendations will be forwarded to the Fairfax County Planning Commission in January of 2002. All nominations that are recommended by the Planning Commission will then be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for further review. Following public hearings it is estimated that the BOS will formally adopt all changes to the Comprehensive Plan in March of 2002. Contact us regarding APR issues at 703-356-0551, or you may email us at [dranesvilledistrictapr@hotmail.com](mailto:dranesvilledistrictapr@hotmail.com). 🌿

## Environmental Issues

As chair of both the Environmental Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Tree Preservation Task Force, I am pleased to report that both groups have been very active this past year. As the result of a Tree Preservation Task Force resolution initiated by Supervisor Bulova and myself, county staff is expediting the review of proposed amendments to the County Code that will strengthen tree preservation and planting efforts during land disturbing activities. The joint resolution also directs county staff to:

- 🌿 implement a tracking method to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed amendments,
- 🌿 continue working with developers to devise a realistic modification process, and
- 🌿 develop a list of desirable trees and encourage the use of native trees.

We anticipate the amendment package will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in early 2002.

The Environmental Committee has been working to assure that Fairfax County addresses all the requirements of the new Chesapeake Bay 2000 Act. Fairfax County is also preparing to re-map all the streams in the County to ensure that development does not harm our watersheds and tributaries. 🌿



### Gypsy Moths in Dranesville

Several areas of McLean and Great Falls experienced significant gypsy moth infestations last Fall. This is the first time in a number of years that it was necessary to reactivate the aerial control program. It is important that citizens take the time now to check shade, ornamental and fruit trees for infestations of this forest pest. Fairfax County is monitored each year in the late summer and early Fall for egg masses.

Report egg mass counts by October 1 to the Fairfax County Forest Pest Program at (703) 324-5304. These reports enable county staff to target areas for more intensive surveying. Egg masses are buff colored and approximately the size of a quarter. They are present from late August through April. Look for them on undersides of branches, on tree trunks, in stone walls, fences, under eaves of houses, under dead bark of trees, inside birdhouses, under ivy, etc. They can also be transported on cars, trailers, Christmas trees, campers and mulch. Brochures and burlap banding material are always available at my office. Details are available at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/dpwes/environmental/pests.htm>.

Aerial spraying has been greatly improved since the program began. Computer programs control the precise blocks to be sprayed. Helicopters must take advantage of early morning hours and spray a fine, almost invisible mist on days with minimal wind conditions. Spraying takes place during the first week in May. The gypsy moth control program is voluntary and homeowners whose properties are scheduled for spraying will be notified in January and can request that their properties be deleted from a spray area. 🌿



## You **CAN** Get There from Here...

### TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ADVANCE

Trails and sidewalks are a high priority for many communities. I am pleased to advise you of some significant improvements that are complete, under-way or planned throughout the District:

- ☉ The long-awaited 1000-foot trail along **Great Falls Street between Hutchison and Crutchfield Streets** is now under construction. Federal, State and County funds in excess of \$300,000 were secured to create a safe pedestrian route to the West Falls Church Metro station.
- ☉ A major restoration of the asphalt trail connecting **Linway Terrace Park on Kirby Road to downtown McLean**, running along Linway Terrace and Old Dominion Drive, was completed this summer.
- ☉ A major restoration of an existing 2,500 foot trail along **Georgetown Pike between Douglass Dr. and Ridge Dr.** and the restoration of the 700 foot **McLean Hamlet Interconnector** trail between Snow Meadow Lane and Lear Drive will begin this Fall.
- ☉ The McLean Revitalization Corporation is working closely with VDOT and the County to secure sidewalk easements and build crosswalks and medians along **Chain Bridge Road**. The first phase of this project will focus on the segment between Westmoreland Street and Cedar Avenue.
- ☉ Holladay Corporation has agreed to construct a significant segment of trail along **Lewinsville Road** adjacent to Summerwood, adding a crucial pedestrian link to the Spring Hill Rec Center.
- ☉ The Great Falls Trailblazers has secured almost \$1.0 million in Federal, State and County grants to obtain easements for trails radiating from the Village Center along **Georgetown Pike and Walker Road**. Survey work on the first segment is now complete and the County will soon begin discussions with affected landowners.
- ☉ Another 2,700-foot segment of the **Sugarland Run** stream valley trail has been completed in Herndon.
- ☉ The developer of Evans Farm will provide funds this year to construct a new segment of the **Pimmit Run Stream Valley** trail in McLean.

Funding for new trails is limited. Several volunteer groups in the district are working to develop a list of priority trail projects. To contact these volunteer groups, check our website. To suggest a new trail segment, please add it to your survey form or call my office. 🌿

## School Bond

On June 11, the Board of Supervisors approved a proposal by the Fairfax County Public Schools to place a school bond referendum on the November ballot in the amount of \$377 million. This referendum is consistent with the FY2002-2006 Capital Improvements Program approved by the Board on April 20, 2001 as part of its annual budget deliberations. If approved, this bond would allow the County to sell approximately \$130 million in school bonds annually during the next few years and would allow for construction of a new elementary school to serve students currently attending the overcrowded Spring Hill, Forestville and Great Falls elementary schools (\$17.4 million).

The complete renovation and a 12-room addition to Hutchison Elementary School in Herndon (\$14.6 million) is also planned. Passage of this bond would also allow for completion of renovations at McLean High School (\$8.9 million) and construction of a modular ten-room addition to Longfellow Middle School (\$1.775 million). Money to plan for future renovations at Longfellow (\$.7 m) and at Franklin Sherman Elementary School (.75m) are also included in this bond. Be sure to take time to become informed on other provisions of this bond issue and cast your vote on November 1. Information is available at libraries, on my website or by stopping by my office. 🌿

## ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

### *Institutional and Outdoor Recreational Uses*

This amendment, which passed on May 21, 2001 with my support, turned many Special Permit uses into Special Exception uses. As a result of this change, proposed uses such as child care facilities, private schools, campgrounds, golf clubs, and others must now come before the Board of Supervisors for review. Previously, these types of uses were reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals, an independent body whose members are appointed by the Fairfax County Circuit Court.

### *Planned Residential Mixed-Use District (PRM)*

The Board of Supervisors approved this new zoning category on January 8, 2001. The purpose of this addition to the Zoning Ordinance was to allow high-density residential to locate in the vicinity of Metro stations. I objected to this amendment because of its broad scope that will allow PRM districts to be located in all Suburban Centers even though some of those Suburban Centers, like Reston and Herndon, do not have immediate access to transportation facilities. My motion to limit the new zoning category to those areas in the *immediate* vicinity of Metrorail stations failed on a 6-4 vote. The category was adopted by the full Board of Supervisors. 🌿

## President Bush Visits McLean



Supervisor Mendelsohn and Carole Segal, owner of Tree Top Toys in McLean, hosted President George W. Bush earlier this year when he announced his \$1.6 trillion tax cut proposal. Local small business owners gathered at the toy store to hear President Bush explain his tax-cut proposal. Informal discussion followed as the business owners addressed the economy and what this tax cut could do to boost their sales. Over 250 people gathered outside the store hoping to see the President and he did not disappoint them, as he took time to mingle with the crowd of McLean residents. 🌿

## Parks and Fields

The community has consistently identified the need for more open space as one of its highest priorities. The County spent millions of dollars last year alone acquiring properties that have become available. However, the ultimate use of each site is established by developing a master plan in conjunction with the Park Authority, the Public Schools or a private landowner. Several citizen groups are currently working to strike the appropriate balance between active and passive recreation uses on a number of sites in McLean.

✦ The Park Authority has allocated \$118,000 to begin an ambitious project to upgrade walkways, signage and lighting at **McLean Central Park**. The Friends of McLean Central Park is working with the McLean Citizen Foundation and area businesses to raise funds for a gazebo and tot lot.

✦ A generous donation to the Park Authority by Adele Lebowitz, of an 18-acre property, located between Georgetown Pike and Dolley Madison Blvd., is currently undergoing master plan analysis. Park Authority Board Representative Rick Thoesen has convened a task force of affected neighbors and citizen groups to suggest uses for the proposed **Clemyjontri Park**, including a large playground for disabled youth.

✦ The **Mount Royal Park** off Idylwood Road in Falls Church is currently being upgraded to include a tot lot. The Friends of Mt. Royal Park has actively assisted in the design of the playground and has raised nearly one-half of the anticipated project cost.

✦ Construction is underway on two new soccer fields adjacent to **Spring Hill Elementary School**. These fields were donated through a proffer by Holladay Properties. The plan was approved after lengthy negotiations with the Lewinsville Coalition representing surrounding homeowners.

✦ A vacant tract owned by the School Board and controlled by the Park Authority adjacent to the **Spring Hill Recreation Center** is also being examined by a group of citizens and youth athletic groups for a mix of field use and passive open space.

✦ A master plan will be developed during this calendar year for the **McLean High School Park** off Davidson Road in McLean. Both athletic fields and a nature preserve have been proposed for consideration.

To find out more about any of these projects or to join with your neighbors to participate in development or fundraising efforts, please read details on my website. ✦

## Revitalization Progress

Revitalization continues in downtown McLean. The changes are sometimes so incremental that it is easy to forget how significant the improvements have been. During this last year, the Salona Shopping Center completed a major façade renovation and landscape improvements. GFS Realty completed construction on one of its two freestanding “pad” buildings across from Kazan’s restaurant, and the McLean Revitalization Corporation awarded a contract for a feasibility study to upgrade Center Street, using federal grant funds awarded by HUD. A community meeting to assess the proposed streetscape improvements along Chain Bridge Road was held last winter. The MRC was again successful, with help from Delegate Vince Callahan, in securing a fourth round of federal TEA-21 funds to plant trees, purchase street furniture and new street lights and construct crosswalks, medians and sidewalks. You will be seeing these improvements next Spring.

The McLean Planning Committee spent many volunteer hours working with Madison Homes to arrive at a new upscale mixed-use project that will add approximately 50 condominiums, shops and offices to the block bounded by Lowell, Laughlin and Emerson Avenues. This project, which is the eastern anchor to “Main Street” will include a civic green for community gatherings and should be under construction shortly. It will match Main Street’s western anchor, the newly opened 150-room Staybridge Suites by Holiday Inn on Old Dominion Drive at Beverly, scheduled to open its doors in September. The Planning Committee is currently reviewing an application from the Exxon Station on Old Dominion to add a car wash, three new pump islands and an expanded Tiger Mart. If you have any thoughts on that application, you can submit them using our website.

The vibrancy of downtown McLean is exciting. Your efforts in 1997 to “create a vision for McLean” are paying off. ✦

*VDOT presents a \$150,000 check to the McLean Revitalization Corp. for streetscape work along Chain Bridge Road to provide a beautiful gateway to central McLean.*



## Timberly South Monopole

After years of work to achieve a positive outcome, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Verizon Wireless have agreed to move the Timberly South monopole to a new location on the Dulles Airport Access Road. The monopole was originally erected in August of 1997 near the Timberly South neighborhood without county approval. On my motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to sue VDOT for its failure to comply with local landuse procedures. The BOS prevailed in that suit, forcing Verizon to adhere to the Fairfax County public hearing process. The application that Verizon filed as a result of that suit has been pending for months while a new location was being investigated. As part of the search for a new location, two balloon tests were conducted at the new site, and the balloons could not be detected from homes in the McLean area. Verizon has submitted an application for the new location, and the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the application in October of 2001. ✦

*For more information on any of the subjects covered in this newsletter, please call my office at 703-356-0551.*

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*As your Supervisor, I am very interested in your ideas concerning the Dranesville District and Fairfax County. I believe strongly that citizens should be involved in the governmental process. Although I cannot respond to each survey, I will use this information to better represent your views on important issues facing our community. Please take a minute to complete the questionnaire below so that I know what you think. Don't forget to mail the completed survey to my office.*

1. Transportation has consistently been a high priority of concern. Do you...
  - Support rail to Tysons and to Dulles? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Support widening & interchange improvements for Rt. 28? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Support a traffic light at Georgetown Pike & Riverbend Rd.? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Support widening Hunter Mill Road bridge to 2 lanes? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Support widening the Springvale Road bridge to 2 lanes? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Support placement of speed humps or other physical traffic calming measures on residential streets in Dranesville District? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Support the Techway concept? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Use Metrobus or Metro Rail? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Use the Herndon/Monroe Bus Service? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  - Use the Transit Center on Spring Hill Rd.? ☐ YES ☐ NO
2. Do you telecommute? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Do you support off-leash dog parks? ☐ YES ☐ NO
4. Would you support a new tax/fee to address stream erosion / storm water management? ☐ YES ☐ NO
5. Which is most important to you: (**Check One**)
  - Reducing taxes? ☐
  - Enhancing county services? ☐
  - Maintaining the current balance? ☐
6. Which of the following deserve attention?
  - A) Roads ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
  - B) Rail / Public Transportation ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
  - C) Affordable Housing ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
  - D) Affordable Senior Housing ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
  - E) Playgrounds ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
  - F) Ball Fields ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right

- G) Passive Open Space ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
  - H) Trails in our Stream Valley Parks ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
  - I) More Active Use Parks ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
  - J) Sidewalks or Trails along connector streets ☐ More ☐ Less ☐ About Right
7. Are you satisfied with the level of county funding for education? ☐ Too Low ☐ Satisfied ☐ Too High
  8. The revitalization efforts in downtown McLean over the last four years have: (**Check One**)
    - Improved the downtown area ☐
    - Detracted from the downtown area ☐
    - No significant change ☐
  9. Are you satisfied with the amount that you pay for the McLean Community Center Tax? ☐ Too Low ☐ Satisfied ☐ Too High
  10. Do teenagers in your household use the Old Firehouse Teen Center? ☐ YES ☐ NO
  11. Is the County doing enough to address the needs of our teens? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- If no, what additional programs do you suggest?

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12. In addition, Stu, please look into the following issue(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***"Helping Hand for Housing" Theme for VolunteerFest 2001***

VolunteerFest 2001 is just around the corner, and I invite you to join me in promoting this event by participating in projects that benefit our community. The seventh annual VolunteerFest sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Fairfax County, in partnership with the Fairfax County Housing and Community Development, is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2001. This is a countywide day of community service, which, in the past, has mobilized thousands of people throughout Fairfax County. Families, individuals, youth groups, faith groups, service organizations and corporate teams will join together to develop and work on community-based projects.

Homeowners Associations can sponsor



*Stu participates in the McLean Central Park workday*

neighborhood clean-ups and community neighbor-to-neighbor activities. Any project to improve the community is welcome. This year's county-wide theme "Helping Hands for Housing" focuses special attention on the critical issue of affordable housing in Fairfax County. Volunteers

will work on home repairs and maintenance, landscaping, community clean up and painting projects in senior and public housing facilities.

Dranesville District has led the County in the level of participation in the past, and we hope to continue this same commitment to community service this year. Getting an early start on the planning is critical to repeating our success. If you have a project or want to volunteer your services

or those of your family, organization, or company, contact my office at 703-356-0551 and we will put you to work! This is a unique opportunity to show our community pride, so let's work together to have another successful **VolunteerFest** in the Dranesville District! ✎

### ***DRANESVILLE DISTRICT PROFILE***

#### ***Population/Housing Unit Distribution***

Year	Dranesville District		Fairfax County	
	Population	Housing Units	Population	Housing Units
1999	104,083	36,560	964,371	352,741
2000	105,666	37,042	964,712	358,960
2005	112,283	39,310	1,050,547	387,857
2010	119,190	41,871	1,123,128	416,399
2015	124,305	43,632	1,159,051	429,482
2020	128,178	44,948	1,181,222	437,387
2025	130,688	45,865	1,192,289	441,283

#### ***2000 Existing Housing Units by Type***

Single Family Units	28,170
Townhouse Units	4,706
Multifamily Units	4,166
Total Units	37,042

#### ***2000 Estimated Median Market Value of Owned Housing***

Single Family Units	\$375,672
Townhouse Units	\$165,926
Condominium Apartments	\$107,416
All Units	\$331,739
2000 Average Rental Housing Complex Rent...	\$1,058

#### ***2000 Nonresidential Structure Gross Floor by General Activity***

Industrial Gross Floor Area	1,595,969
Office Gross Floor Area	9,484,645
Retail Gross Floor Area	2,856,355
Institutional Gross Floor Area	4,048,450
Total Gross Floor Area	17,985,419

### ***Community That Cares Youth Survey***

The Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax Partnership for Youth, Fairfax County



Public Schools and the Fairfax County Human Services Council have collaborated to implement a 1999 recommendation from the Youth Drug Abuse Task Force to conduct a risk survey of youth in Fairfax County. It is important to assess the risk factors our teens are facing in order to address the issues identified as we work with many public and private organizations to reduce youth risks and strengthen youth assets.

*The Communities That Care Youth Survey* was administered to a random sampling of over 11,000 students in the 8th, 10th and 12th grades. This survey measured 18 risk factors and 9 protective factors that are characteristic of community, family, school, individual and peer environments and are known to predict drug use, delinquency, and gang involvement. The results were startling and in order to address these concerns. Everyone needs to get involved. Later this year small neighborhood groups will be organized to discuss the results of the survey and to network to find solutions to the challenges that lie before us. The results of the survey can be found on the Fairfax County website at: <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/com/demograph/pdf/youthreport.pdf> ✎

# ATTENTION

## *Community Association Leaders!*

Fairfax County's Office of Public Affairs is developing a more effective and immediate updating process for Fairfax County's Community Association List. This list contains over 1,600 contacts for homeowners, civic, community, and other residential associations throughout the County. Various county agencies and offices use this list year-round to convey timely, pertinent information to associations and residents. If you are currently the president of your community group we ask that you take a minute to complete the questionnaire on-line at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/comm/survey.htm>. If you have additional questions contact my office. 🍀

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### **TOWN MEETINGS:**

Hosted by Supervisor Stu Mendelsohn

#### **McLean Area Town Meeting**

Wednesday, October 10, 2001, 7:30pm  
Community Hall, McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean

#### **Herndon Area Town Meeting**

Thursday, October 18, 2001, 7:30pm  
Herndon High School Lecture Hall  
700 Bennett Street, Herndon

#### **Great Falls Area Town Meeting**

Wednesday, October 24, 2001, 7:30pm  
The Meeting Room, Great Falls Library  
9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls



*Stu at a Community Open House Meeting*

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